



The Giant Cupcakes

A Short Story from a series of short stories
entitled “And then it happened...”
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Episode #1: Making the Cupcakes

 This episode sets the “setting” for the short story to follow. It can be retold, though.

Episode #2: Trouble with Chopper, the dog.



Characters: The three boys and Chopper, the dog



Setting: The kitchen where mom had just made three giant cupcakes for the PTA bake sale. The boys were supposed to carry them to the school because mom had to drive ___ to hockey practice.



Initiating Event (kick-off):

Chopper, the dog, bounds into the kitchen and eats the giant cupcakes!!!



Internal Response: The boys are horrified, especially mom’s son!

“Get away from there!” I shouted. “Gordon, call off your dog!” He’s eating the Giant Cupcakes!”



What did the boys see as a result of the kick-off?

What were their **thoughts**, as they viewed the kitchen?

What did they **know** for a fact, **remember** from the past, **realize** as a result of thinking?



Plan: Gordon said: “Wait!” I have an idea!”

What was the plan? The plan was to...and take the fake cupcakes to the sale.



Attempts to carry out the plan:

(This is the sequence of actions from the plan?)



Consequence: Did the boys get the fake cupcakes to the sale?



Resolution: How did the boys feel?

Episode #3 The Bake Sale



Characters:

The boys, mom, the principal and others
(The boys, as a group, are the characters whose perspective we are taking now.)



Setting: The bake sale

The boys are waiting til the doors open at five pm. Mom has arrived and it is her job as a parent to collect the money from the sale.



Initiating Event: “And then it happened...”

What was this Kick-off?



Internal Response:

How did the boys feel? How do you know?



Plan: Do they have a plan? Is there anything they can do?



Attempts:



Consequence:

What do you think the consequence will be?



Resolution: How will the boys feel? How will mom feel?

Episode #4: The Principal's Dinner Party

Let's think about the perspective of the Principal. Write the episode as you think it would occur.

I will give you the beginning:



Character: The Principal and his dinner guests



Setting: The Principal's home, in the evening. Everyone is dressed in formal attire, expecting wonderful food and fun! The appetizers, salad, dinner have been served. Everyone is awaiting the dessert! They have been told it would be something they would never forget!

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